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I make these Regulations under section 7 of the National Parks Ordinance 1998 on the advice of Executive Council.

1. Title

These Regulations are the Hill Cove Mountains National Park (Management) Regulations 2025.

2. Commencement

These Regulations come into force on publication in the *Gazette*.

3. Interpretation

In these Regulations, unless otherwise stated —

“**environment department**” means the Government department responsible for the environment;

“**management plan**” means the management plan approved by Executive Council as Annex A to the Hill Cove Mountains National Park Policy and Management Plan Report (Executive Council paper no 7 of 2025);

“**Ordinance**” means the National Parks Ordinance 1998; and

“**the park**” means the Hill Cove Mountains National Park designated by the Hill Cove Mountains National Park Designation Order 2025 (SR&O 16 of 2025).

4. Management of park

(1) The management authority for the park is the environment department and it has overall management and control of the park and must perform that function in accordance with the management plan and these Regulations.

- (2) The management authority monitors the use of the park and must —
 - (a) carry out regular reviews and updates of the management plan; and
 - (b) pull down any building or structure that was erected or placed in the park unlawfully.
- (3) The management authority, may if considered necessary, by notice, close the park to members of the public or to specific categories of people —
 - (a) at specified times of the year; or
 - (b) for specific activities.
- (4) A notice under paragraph (3) may be published in a manner that the management authority considers will reach members of the public.

5. Permitted activities

The following activities are permitted in the park, subject to applicable restrictions and conditions under regulations 6, 7 or 8 —

- (a) destroying or removing of non-native plant species under the direction of the management authority;
- (b) installing signs;
- (c) installing fences, gates and tracks;
- (d) leaving old fencing material in the park to decay;
- (e) driving motor vehicles on tracks designated for that purpose by the management authority;
- (f) roaming by foot or on horseback;
- (g) using a small contained cooking stove; and
- (h) camping.

6. Use of cooking stoves

- (1) A person may use a small contained cooking stove in the park only in rocky or sandy areas, away from grasses, shrubs or peaty soil and must never leave the stove unattended until the fire is completely extinguished.
- (2) The person using a stove must ensure that —
 - (a) adequate water is available to extinguish the fire from the stove after use;
 - (b) the fire from the stove does not spread; and

- (c) in the case of fire from the stove spreading, that fire and any other fire caused by it, is extinguished.

7. Installing signs

- (1) A person may install a sign in the park with the approval of the management authority.
- (2) A sign may be installed only for the following purposes —
 - (a) to specify precautions to be observed in carrying out a specified activity;
 - (b) for the safety or convenience of any person;
 - (c) to specify restrictions or measures to minimise impact on a specified area in respect of —
 - (i) the natural and cultural values of the national park; or
 - (ii) wildlife; and
 - (d) any other matter that the managing authority considers appropriate.

8. Driving

- (1) Driving is permitted for authorised purposes and only using tracks approved by the management authority.
- (2) Driving in other areas in the park is permitted when it is necessary for —
 - (a) protecting the biodiversity of the park;
 - (b) firefighting;
 - (c) preventing soil erosion;
 - (d) the health and safety of park users; or
 - (e) to carry out a function specified in the management plan.

9. Offences

- (1) A person who does any of the following in the park, commits an offence —
 - (a) damages, removes or defaces any artefacts, cairn, structure, memorial or cultural heritage site;
 - (b) prospects or explores for or extracts any mineral;
 - (c) smokes a cigarette, cigar or pipe;
 - (d) uses a vape;

- (e) purposefully grazes livestock other than in accordance with a lease that was granted before the park was designated;
 - (f) introduces non-native species; or
 - (g) contravenes these Regulations.
- (2) Penalty: a fine not exceeding the maximum of level 4 on the standard scale.